MUZRAI

(Nos. 237 to 245.)

SUBJECT No. 237.

Empowering Deputy Commissioners to sanction estimates from Muzrai Funds.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 238.

Appointment of a Commission to enquire into the affairs of Muzrai institutions.

(*a*) Mr. V. Raghavachar, Nanjangud Taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Gangaiya, and Virabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) On more than one occasion it has been brought to the notice of Government that the minor muzrai charities such as feeding in chattrams and temples are not being properly conducted. Nothing has been done in the matter till now. It is requested that a Commission may be appointed to enquire into these matters and suitable orders passed placing the affairs of these institutions on a satisfactory footing.

(*b*) The objects for which inam lands yielding a considerable revenue as well as money grants were given by former rulers to Brahmin and Lingayat Matts and Mahomedan Mosques are not fulfilled. A commission consisting of different classes of people should be appointed to enquire into the income of each institution, how it is used and what measures are necessary to carry out the wishes of the donors.

Reply of Government.—With the Rendition, the non-interference policy of the days of the British Commission has ceased. Government have organized a separate Muzrai Department and have been paying attention to muzrai matters. Even charities established by private persons are, if mismanaged, taken under Government management. The appointment of a Commission or District Committees is neither necessary nor advisable.

SUBJECT No. 239.

Management of Muzrai institutions.

Mr. Kesaviengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Mysore being a Native State there are several important temples in it, the supervision of which rests solely with the Amildars. Amildars have much work. But now as an Assistant Commissioner is placed in charge of every Sub-Division, he may be required, under proper rules to be framed, to hold during his itineration meetings of the Dharmadarsis, the Amildar being also present, with a view to ascertain whether all the *sevas*, etc., are being performed regularly. He may also make enquiries and satisfy himself that all the temple servants have been discharging their duties properly, that all *puduvat* amounts, etc., are being regularly collected, that the buildings are in good repair and that all the temple jewels are in safe custody. The unauthorised alienation of temple inams should also be checked as such an alienation will lead to the stoppage of *puja* in the temples.

Reply of Government.—In the recent orders passed about re-organizing the Muzrai Department due provision has been made for this.

SUBJECT No. 240.

Reduction of *rokkavecha* for *sevarthas*.

Mr. Nanjunda Setty, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—At present a large amount is being recovered as *rokkavecha* in many temples. This may be reduced to afford convenience to the devotees.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Muzrai Superintendent for a uniform scale being fixed.

SUBJECT No. 241.

Levy of khalsat on devadaya inams.

Messrs. Muninarayana Setty, Butchaiya Setty and Mir Hassan Ali Saheb, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Temple inams are now exempted form the levy of khalsat. The same concession may also be extended to Masjid and Makkan inams.

Reply of Government.—Lands granted for the maintenance of Masjids and Makkans are also devadaya inams. Cases in which the rules have not been given effect to should be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 242.

Powers and duties of Dharmadarsis as in British India.

Messrs. Kesavadasa Iyengar, Belur Taluk and Subbaraya Sastri, Chikballapur Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 243.

Feeding in Government annachattrams.

Mr. Baba Sahib, Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Government chattrams only Brahmins and Gosayees are fed or given raw rations. The poor of other castes may also be similarly given rations or fed. If necessary, a separate place may be arranged for for distributing alms to the poor of the other communities.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 244.

Unnecessary items of expenditure in Government annachattrams.

Messrs. H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk; and Ommannaiya Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Government have established chattrams in all important towns with the benevolent object of feeding poor and needy travellers. Under the existing system of management, the major portion of the grants goes towards the *nehimi* allowances, and establishment and other charges, leaving very little for the charity. To take a concrete case, the chattram at Bowringpet has an annual cash grant of Rs. 666, out of which sums to the extent of Rs. 144, Rs. 126 and Rs. 210 are being spent on account of establishment charges, temple *nehimis* and rations to chattram servants respectively, leaving only Rs. 186 for feeding purposes. It is therefore solicited that unnecessary items of expenditure may be curtailed, the amount thus saved being utilised for feeding purposes.

Reply of Government.—Vacancies amongst *nehimidars* will not be filled up in future.

SUBJECT No. 245.

Filling up of vacancies in Muzrai Institutions by Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Withdrawn.